Town of Colrain

Select Board Meeting

55 Main Road/Town Office Building

5:55 P.M.

# MINUTES OF JANUARY 27, 2020

**Present** Eileen Sauvageau, Mark Thibodeau, Joe Kurland

**Others Present** Dominic Shelzi, Julianne Shelzi, Joseph Shelzi, Michael Shuipis, Chair-Broadband Advisory Committee, Paula Harrison, Treasurer, Betsy Shuipis, Administrative Asst.; Kevin Fox, Town Coordinator

Meeting was called to order by Chair Eileen Sauvageau at 5:55 p.m.

**Moved:** Mark Thibodeau moved to adjourn the meeting to attend the Special Town Meeting and reconvene after STM ends. Joe seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

Meeting was called to order by Mark Thibodeau at 7:20 p.m. Eileen Sauvageau absent.

**Appointments Michael Shuipis - Broadband Advisory Committee Chair - Broadband Update**

The committee needs guidance with how the Town should pay for the debt - whether by raising the tax rate, user fees, or a combination of both. The Board answered that they are not opposed to any combination of raising the tax rate and user fees.

Mark asked that the committee to consider a business user fee rate. Michael said the committee would keep that in mind, as well as a differential for commercial connection fee.

General updates – the date of completion has not changed, the hut site is ready for delivery of the hut this spring.

**New Business** **Proposal from Weston and Sampson - Extra Work to Address Colrain Road Safety Planning Study**

Kevin recommended the Select Board review the document while he prepares a Chapter 90 request so that the Board can weigh the Ch. 90 request with the design proposal. Weston and Sampson is still trying to finalize the right-of-way, which will bring it to 100% design. Vote postponed until next meeting.

**Resignation from Energy Committee - Therese Fitzsimmons**

**MOVED:**  Joe moved that the Town accept with regret the resignation of Therese Fitzsimmons from the Energy Committee and to express our appreciation of her work. Mark seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

The Town Coordinator will send a letter of appreciation to Therese Fitzsimmons.

**Request to use Meeting Room at 9 Jacksonville Rd., Highway Garage, by the Colrain Fire District**

The Board found no need to vote. The Town now limits the use of the Highway Garage meeting room to Town boards and committees who need to sign up with the administrative assistant, who makes note of their meeting on the office calendar. A member of the committee/board signs out the key and signs it in when it’s returned the next day.

The process as it is done currently has the approval of the Select Board.

**Old Business Draft of Town Policy for Disposal of Surplus/waste Materials Resulting from Public Works Projects**

Vote postponed until the next meeting.

**Host Agreements: Wellman Farm, Twisted Yield**

The agreements were just received today so the Select Board has not read them. The Select Board will review the revised host agreements, individually make their own edits/questions and give them to the Town Coordinator. The Town Coordinator will check with Eileen for a date if the Board decides to meet before the next scheduled Select Board meeting.

**Recycling Contract**

Update: the deadline of January 31 has been changed to February 28. Also, the non-appropriation clause was added. Vote postponed until the next meeting.

**Town Coordinator Solar on the Town Garage Process**

**Updates** Kevin, Peter Brooks, and Elizabeth Erickson met with and Andrea, FRCOG Procurement Specialist. The committee is targeting a mid-to-late spring construction period.

**MOVED:** Joe moved to close the meeting at 8:22 p.m. Mark seconded. **Voted unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted, Accepted by the Board of Selectmen

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Betsy Shuipis Eileen Sauvageau - Chairman

Administrative Assistant

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Mark Thibodeau

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Joe Kurland

Documents

Proposal from Weston and Sampson – Intersection Improvements, Main Road, Jacksonville Road (Route 112) and Greenfield Road Town of Colrain, Massachusetts,Proposal for Extra Work to Address, Colrain Safety Planning Study

Therese Fitzsimmons’ Resignation from the Energy Committee dated January 14, 2020.

Special Town Meeting Warrant FY 2020 re: Zoning Bylaws January 27, 2020.

Selectmen Meeting Notes.